

LETTERS ADDRESSED TO MADAME CLOTHILDE MINNE  
Vicar of the Institute; Superior of Coloma and Brussels  
Born Aug. 22, 1812; Professed July 18, 1833; Died Jan. 11, 1842  
(50 Letters: Dated 1833 to 1841)

Praise be J.M.J.

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Reverend Mother

Tell your dear Sisters they must not attribute anything that would cause them pain, to the small number of visits that I have made to them. If I only consulted my heart and the rights of these good children, they would see me much more often. You know very well the reasons that oblige me to make visits elsewhere, and certainly, these journeys are not always inspired by motives that are agreeable to nature. I count however, before the season becomes harsh to make amends to you for the privations I have imposed on you. I do not know if it will be possible to submit to your desires this week. Let us join again (half line effaced) present with the other offerings we will be presenting to Jesus in the crib. May this good Savior deign to accept these offerings through Mary and Joseph. Let us be generous and we will prove to ourselves that God is never to be outdone in generosity.

I rejoice at the goodness of His Eminence. His visit will be a new blessing for you and your (new) young establishment. Be the interpreter, Rev. Mother, of my sentiments of gratitude to His Eminence and please give him for me, the most happy wishes on the occasion of the New Year.

I will write immediately to Melle and obtain for you that which you wish, the chronograms and the usages, etc.

I approve of the invitation composed by M Vanhymel, also the program for the little fete that you have submitted to me.

Write to His Eminence and his three grand Vicars, to Mr. the archpriest and to Mr. the Cure of St. John's. You may safely confide to them whatever you find best, for other friends.

You edify me, my dear Child, by your courage in the midst of trials. It is a grace that the good God gives you and it is a subject of great consolation for me since you have been charged with the government of our convent of the Queen of Angels. Health permitting, you may communicate at the Mass of His Eminence. It is a favor to receive the divine Spouse from a hand that is so dear to him. No longer trouble yourself (half line effaced). Keep God insight and no one can harm us. Our Rev. Mother at Alost has proposed to send Mme Bathilde to her convent, so that she recover more easily. I approve of the project, if you consent. ...

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